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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF : Michael Kamm  
FOR : **VARIABLE SPEED  
MECHANISM AND METHOD  
FOR CONTROLLING THE  
SPEED OF AN ASSOCIATED  
LAWN MOWING APPARATUS**  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT A**

Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231



Dear Examiner Hammon:

Prior to examining the subject application, please amend it as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 1-11 and 17-20.

Please add new claims 21 as follows:

--21. A variable speed mechanism adapted for propelling an associated lawn mowing apparatus, said variable speed mechanism including:

a variable pitch pulley assembly having first and second pulley halves, said first and second pulley halves having coaxial shaft-receiving openings therein, said second pulley half being adapted for selective axial movement relative to said first pulley half;

a control arm assembly operably associated with said variable pitch pulley assembly, said control arm assembly being adapted to selectively position said second pulley half relative to said first pulley half, said control arm having a shaft-receiving opening therein adapted for coaxial alignment with said shaft-receiving openings of said first and second pulley halves, said control arm being adapted for pivotal motion relative to said first pulley half, wherein said second pulley half is selectively positionable in response to pivotal motion of said control arm.--

**REMARKS**

The subject application is a continuation application of U.S. application Serial No. 09/578,521, filed May 24, 2000. This application is copending herewith. In this preliminary Amendment A, the claims that are the subject of the pending parent application have been canceled. Original claims 12-16 and newly added claim 21 are the subject of this continuation application.

Respectfully submitted,

